

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny. Mr. Freda explained that Third Selectman, Alan Sturtz had a last minute business meeting that he had to attend out of town and would not be at the meeting. He stated they spoke over the phone and Mr. Freda did share the agenda with him.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda. Mr. Sherman Katz of Sherwood Drive asked about the large tax abatements on the agenda. Mr. Freda explained that the company, Summit Handling Systems, has several locations besides North Haven. They discovered upon an internal audit that they were declaring equipment/property from other locations throughout the state to the Town and paying taxes on such. The error was being corrected and the portion of the taxes collected in error were being returned.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 13, 2013 with a second by Mr. Freda.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes

Mr. Freda advised there was no correspondence and proceeded with the Selectman's overview.

OPERATIONAL

- Milling and Paving Program

On April 29, the Department commenced with the management of Year 2 of the Capital Bonding Milling and Paving Program dedicated this year to rehabilitating portions or all of 32 designated roadways Town-wide. Approximately 11 miles of Town road was curb-milled and paved. Milling and Paving concluded on June 14th. The Department of Public Works is finalizing its pavement list for 2014 at this time.

- Town-wide Crack Sealing Program

The Department is currently assessing its pavement condition database as prepared by BETA Engineering and comparing that information with in-field inspections to finalize a list of roadways to receive crack sealing this year. It is estimated that crack sealing efforts could commence in September.

- Catch Basin Cleaning Program

The Department met its initial goal of cleaning and removing debris from 500 drainage catch basins Town-wide. The program allows the town to maintain compliance with the State of CT DEEP's MS4 Stormwater Compliance mandate.

- Leaf Composting Program

On June 27th the DPW delivered its first ever "no cost" leaf compost product to the Town's Recycling Center at 24 Elm St. Available free to residents. DPW will be hosting

a live auction of the excess materials (unscreened) on July 30th selling approx. 5,000 CY to local interested landscapers, construction companies, farmers and site developers.

- Annual Stormwater-Catch Basin Marking Program

The DPW with assistance from university intern students commenced with its annual Stormwater – Catch Basin Marking Program. 1,200 of the total 2,500 basins have been identified with prevention pollution markers as of June 2013. The program highlights the importance of preventing pollution from entering the environment and Town's waterways, rivers and streams. We expect to mark an additional 750 basins this year allowing the Town to maintain compliance with the State of CT DEEP's MS4 Stormwater Compliance mandate.

- Grover Wyman Bike Path and Park Rehabilitation Project

Over the past several months we have been meeting with several community interest groups to discuss proposals for improvements and new construction requests for the Grover Wyman Park. Discussions have focused on a Bike Path, improvements to the existing playscape and rehab of the existing concession and bathroom facility.

- Town Hall ADA Renovations Update

Renovations continue. Elevator is in the process of being installed. Progress is being made 7/31/13 anticipated date of completion

- Middle School Update

Regular meetings with Superintendent, BOE Director of Finance & Operations, Principal, BOE Chairman, Town Director of Finance, and Consultants. Public Hearings will start in September

- Customer Service Aspect of Our Government- Mr. Freda's staff and Department Heads empowered to assist residents

- Quinnipiac University purchase of Kings Highway (McMahon) property – no use identified at this time. Back taxes of over \$240,000 paid. Anything proposed will have to be vetted through Land Use, Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Economic Development Updates

- State Street 55+ Housing Project
- Closing of X-pect Discount Store
- CERC Economic Development Study

NOTABLE MENTION

- Music Under the Stars

Kicked off with our first concert on Tuesday, June 18th. 11 concerts scheduled, concluding on Tuesday, August 27th. Check the Town website for schedule of performers.

- North Haven Featured on Today in America with Terry Bradshaw

Following Mr. Freda's overview, Mr. Doheny moved the approval of the following property tax refunds. Mr. Freda seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes

- ARI Fleet LT, 9000 Midatlantic Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054-1539 in the amount of \$248.15.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75264-0214 in the amount of \$78.48, and in the amount of \$39.20, and in the amount of \$313.97.
- Sonitrol Management Corporation, C/O USTCG, P.O. Box 1029, Dublin, PA 18917-1029 in the amount of \$2,771.27, and in the amount of \$4,341.99, and in the amount of \$4,649.05.
- Summit Handling Systems, PO Box 522, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$37,021.14 and in the amount of \$46,850.00, and in the amount of \$52,524.83.

Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday August 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked for Public Comment. Mr. Sherman Katz of Sherwood Drive had several comments and questions. He inquired as to possible contamination at the site of the firehouse renovations. Ms. Sadosky explained there was an asbestos vapor barrier that was handled. Mr. Katz asked what percentage of the grand list is tax exempt? Mr. Freda replied that we could get that information. Mr. Katz commented that we have quite a bit of tax exempt properties and therefore are losing revenue. Mr. Freda explained that although we do have a number of exempt entities such as ACES, Yale New Haven Hospital, and Quinnipiac he looks at the incremental monies and growth based upon new business they bring, building fees collected, and revitalizing buildings and properties. He explained the PILOT program and his views on vertical integration and the multiplier effect. Mr. Katz asked if we are able to limit the number of tax exempt properties we permit in Town. Mr. Freda stated there is no mechanism for the Town to control that. Mr. Katz commended Mr. John Orsini for voluntarily including 5% affordable housing in his project on State Street. Mr. Freda agreed and noted that we are at 4.7% affordable housing with a State mandate of 10%. Mr. Freda states that he sees senior housing as a way to get closer to the State mandate. Unfortunately, several of the deals that we have tried to put together between property owners such as the former Clintonville Manor and developers have not materialized, but he will keep striving to increase our senior housing.

Mr. Freda asked for any additional comments, hearing none, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn at 7:50 pm.